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CUBAN Reaction to the President's Assassination Since 25 November

1. Fidel Castro, whose 24 November speech on the assassination set the tone for subsequent press and radio comment on the subject, delivered a second speech on 27 November in which he dwelt at even greater ^{detail} ~~length~~ on the subject. The second speech went into elaborate detail in an attempt to prove what had been stated in his earlier speech—that President Kennedy died at the instigation, ~~if not the instigation~~ by the hand, of "ultrareactionaries" in the United States. Both speeches reflected considerable apprehension that a consequence of the assassination might be an even tougher US policy against him. Cuban press and radio comment on the assassination ~~has~~ has elaborated on Castro's theme by stressing that the same "reactionaries" in the US who criticised President Kennedy's Cuban policy as too weak were responsible for murdering him. The 28 November Venezuelan statement

linked in Cuban propaganda with the Kennedy assassination as another move paving the way for more direct action against Cuba. Cuban ~~xxxxxx~~ comment on both events have suggested an elaborate ~~plot~~ reactionary plot in the US in which all evidence of the "true origin" of the assassination is being carefully covered up. Mr. Allen Dulles' presence on the Presidential Commission is being used as further "evidence" to prove this.

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